

**MINUTES
BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014
6:00 P.M.
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL - 7525 WEST GREENFIELD AVE.**

PRESENT: Ald. Thomas Lajsic; Ald. Vince Vitale; Dawn Groshek (First District); Don Wadewitz (Second District); Catherine Narloch, Chair, Aaron Konkol (Third District); Sr. Paula Marie Jarosz, Jamie Vallejo (Fourth District); Jill Hansen, Michael Plicka (Fifth District); Debbie Plantiko, Beautification Committee; Diane Brandt, President, West Allis/West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce; Ruth Snedic, League of Women Voters; Susan Stuckert, School Administration Liaison

EXCUSED: Chris Porterfield (First District); Caroline Dlouhy (Second District)

STAFF: Kristi Johnson, Community Development Supervisor

The meeting was called to order by Chair Narloch at 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 29, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made by Ald. Lajsic and seconded by Ald. Vitale to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2014 meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Review of CDBG Funding for FY 2014.

Ms. Johnson explained that staff had budgeted \$1,093,964 for 2014 entitlement funds. In July, HUD mailed the official award letter to the City, allocating \$1,165,766 in entitlement funds which is \$71,802 more than staff had anticipated, or a 5.9% increase. Amendments to the FY 2014 budget were approved by the Common Council on June 3, 2014, and included a \$14,360 increase in the Administration budget, as well as increases to the Family Resource Center, Frail Elderly Home Services/Interfaith, Public Facilities/Bike Infrastructure, and 2014 Exterior Code Enforcement, as well as allocating \$25,000 to create a 2014 Handicapped Accessibility-City Hall activity and allocating \$82,499 of previous years' funds to a new 2014 Liberty Heights Park Improvements activity.

3. Consideration of mid-year Performance Report for 2014 and expenditures for the period covering January 1 through June 30, 2014.

Ms. Johnson gave a brief overview of the principles of the Block Grant Program. She further discussed federal requirements needed for qualifications for the program. In addition, it was also explained that for the past 14 years, entitlement communities have had to rely on 2000 income Census data for CDBG-eligible areas. In June, HUD released 2006-2010 ACS data (American Community Survey which collects demographic and income data from a statistically significant sample of households on an annual basis) which is to be applied to 2015 activities. The low-moderate income area maps will change and this will be discussed at the next Community Development Block Grant

Committee meeting in September when 2015 applications are reviewed.

Ms. Johnson reviewed each project as listed in the staff report, under each of the following areas of funding and informed the Committee of budgeted amounts and amounts expended by each one:

A. Report on Program Administration

- CDBG Planning
- Community Development Administrative Cost
- Fair Housing Administrative Cost

B. Report on Public Service activities

- Community Service Officer
- Graffiti Removal
- Frail Elderly Home Service (West Central Interfaith)
- Gang Prevention
- Neighborhood Watch
- Fire Safety Education
- Senior Services
- Liberty Heights Program
- Healthy Homes
- Family Resource Center
- Lilac Bus
- WISH Program (Domestic Violence Support Group)
- Vermin Abatement – East Side
- Neighborhood Improvement Program – East Side

C. Report on Housing Rehabilitation activities

- Housing Rehabilitation Management
- Single Family Housing Rehabilitation
- Duplex Housing Rehabilitation
- Home Security
- Slum & Blight Removal – Various Addresses

D. Report on Economic Development activities

- Economic Development Loans and Delivery
- Microenterprise Program (WWBIC)
- Commercial Facade Program

E. Report on Public Facilities activities

- Tree & Shrub Beautification
- Bike Facility/Infrastructure
- Senior Center Improvements
- Surveillance Cameras – LMI Areas
- Exterior Code Enforcement
- Handicapped Accessibility – City Hall
- Liberty Heights Park Improvements
- Skateboard Park/Plaza Project
- Six Points/Farmers Market Parking Facility
- Six Points Public Parking (Chalet)

F. Report on Redevelopment activities

Six Points/Farmers Market Redevelopment

4. Review of FY 2015 CDBG Estimated Budget.

Ms. Johnson stated that the Department of Development is assuming a constant level of entitlement funding for 2015 (\$1,165,766) and published solicitation of 2015 applications accordingly.

5. Next Scheduled Meeting

Ms. Johnson informed the committee that the next Block Grant Committee Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**

There being no additional business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Ald. Vitale and seconded by Susan Stuckert to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.